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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

U.S. EXPORTS BY AIR

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)					Value (1,000 dollars)				
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America
Total, all carriers....	94,812	(X)	19,968	12,739	45,388	12,532	1,664	718,481	(X)	78,979
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	33,639	8,886	4,206	14,169	4,973	560	518	251,721	37,698
Boston, Mass.....	2,305	979	340	-	1,885	11	36	32	22,246	2,119
Bridgport, Conn.....	28	28	-	-	28	-	(Z)	326	326	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	(Z)	1	2	-	-	-	-	94	94	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	393	393	386	-	8	-	-	3,041	3,041	90
New York City, N.Y.....	40,552	12,289	2,690	2,831	28,872	4,825	236	370,872	105,067	13,891
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,133	758	129	256	667	77	(Z)	5,397	2,751	807
Baltimore, Md.....	24	24	14	-	10	(Z)	-	93	93	54
Wilmington, N.C.....	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	13	13	-
Charleston, S.C.....	140	140	(Z)	1	80	54	-	903	903	2
Savannah, Ga.....	256	248	42	41	111	2	-	1,527	1,285	190
Tampa, Fla.....	86	5	58	-	20	6	-	360	16	142
Mobile, Ala.....	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	51	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	364	127	337	26	-	-	-	1,103	403	999
Lubbock, Tex.....	13	13	16	2	-	-	-	653	517	469
El Paso, Tex.....	97	83	97	-	-	-	-	301	821	901
Nogales, Ariz.....	19	5	13	282	6	-	-	86	36	78
Albuquerque, N.M.....	5,205	1,095	627	2,351	1,684	312	-	67	23	378
San Francisco, Calif.....	3,338	1,823	627	1,796	302	37	-	54,855	23,150	3,150
Portland, Ore.....	103	103	20	(Z)	77	4	-	1,935	1,935	142
Seattle, Wash.....	545	426	194	(Z)	138	207	3	6,969	3,778	1,398
Anchorage, Alaska.....	144	5	3	-	10	130	-	328	107	56
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	168	112	1	-	-	37	-	825	407	50
Great Falls, Mont.....	19	19	19	-	-	-	-	210	210	210
Pembina, N. Dak.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	312	310	150	-	10	82	70	4,941	4,931	1,186
Detroit, Mich.....	1,784	1,398	405	47	1,219	71	20	10,814	8,905	2,338
Chicago, Ill.....	9,078	4,345	2,077	25	5,573	1,211	14	60,480	30,000	16,507
Cleveland, Ohio.....	352	42	217	2	129	3	(Z)	1,752	256	1,083
St. Louis, Mo.....	58	58	5	-	53	-	-	1,015	1,015	33
San Juan, P.R.....	782	428	551	209	7	14	-	3,746	1,146	933
Miami, Fla.....	13,890	6,504	6,387	7,326	155	7	1	42,419	18,928	16,228
Houston, Tex.....	1,294	443	421	320	274	175	-	7,759	2,100	1,700
Washington, D.C.....	593	119	1	59	449	4	78	7,895	788	9
All other districts.....	45	24	24	-	19	2	-	562	233	216
Shipments under \$251.....	(NA)	4,084	(D)	1,246	3,600	1,361	324	25,373	(NA)	7,706
Special Category.....	727	328	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	277	11,415	6,639	3,967

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X Not applicable.

NA Not available.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

- Represents zero.

- 800 pounds or \$500.

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)				Value (1,000 dollars)			
	Total		Total		Total		Total	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
Total, all carriers...	76,915	(X)	8,119	6,766	42,567	19,581	354	412
U.S. flag carriers...	33,542	(X)	3,359	3,039	17,259	9,684	121	80
Boston, Mass.	2,844	1,544	98	33	2,371	137	(Z)	(Z)
Bridgeport, Conn.	191	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	33	31	(Z)	(Z)
Orlando, Fla.	191	163	151	40	2,494	4,226	2,087	(Z)
New York City, N.Y.	38,603	16,192	1,140	2,840	28,542	6,005	23	252
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,142	785	41	2	936	162	(Z)	(Z)
Baltimore, Md.	1,122	13	1	—	47	73	(Z)	(Z)
Washington, N.C.	312	310	(Z)	—	312	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Charleston, S.C.	131	131	—	—	131	—	(Z)	(Z)
Savannah, Ga.	89	43	7	—	36	46	(Z)	(Z)
Tampa, Fla.	11	1	6	—	4	1	(Z)	(Z)
Mobile, Ala.	2	2	—	—	(Z)	2	(Z)	(Z)
New Orleans, La.	203	108	189	1	12	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Laredo, Tex.	80	49	79	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
El Paso, Tex.	24	20	23	—	—	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Nogales, Ariz.	9	7	9	—	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Los Angeles, Calif.	4,964	3,269	109	100	1,001	3,270	91	(Z)
Portland, Ore.	1	1	1	—	12	186	4,364	74
Seattle, Wash.	1,120	1,298	139	—	99	1,182	(Z)	(Z)
Anchorage, Alaska	20	3	3	—	10	8	(Z)	(Z)
Honolulu, Hawaii	488	120	37	—	25	364	62	(Z)
Great Falls, Mont.	6	6	—	—	(Z)	5	(Z)	(Z)
Pembina, N. Dak.	13	11	8	—	(Z)	19	169	2
Minneapolis, Minn.	202	199	13	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
Detroit, Mich.	1,136	938	185	(Z)	835	92	(Z)	(Z)
Chicago, Ill.	4,190	1,697	373	9	2,974	797	(Z)	(Z)
Cleveland, Ohio	152	12	50	—	91	11	(Z)	(Z)
St. Louis, Mo.	53	50	2	(Z)	50	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)
San Juan, P.R.	1,260	465	812	353	95	1	(Z)	(Z)
Miami, Fla.	6,344	2,932	3,049	3,065	210	18	(Z)	(Z)
Boston, Tex.	377	236	153	17	170	27	(Z)	(Z)
Washington, D.C.	860	802	42	6	869	22	(Z)	(Z)
All other districts...	119	110	1	1	8	5	(Z)	(Z)
Shipments under \$251...	6,725	(NA)	1,029	323	3,352	1,714	112	76

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

- Represents zero.

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